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SUBJECT: NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY: PROPOSED AGENDA

REF: USNATO 0057

1. WE CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION REFTEL AND
APPRECIATE THIS MOST HELPFUL MESSAGE.

WE HAVE INCORPORATED
YOUR SUGGESTIONS INTO OUR PROPOSED AGENDA.

2. CONSISTENT WITH, AND IN FURTHERANCE OF, YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 5 REFTEL, WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL IF, IN ADDITION TO THE UK AND FRG,
ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS WERE INVITED TO BE PREPARED
TO PRESENT ANY INFORMATION ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES, AS
WELL AS THEIR INITIAL IDEAS ON HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THE
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TASKS OF THE STUDY AS SET FORTH IN NPG/D(74)3. WE

BELIEVE THIS DOES NOT REDUCE THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE UK AND FRG REPS PREPARE OUTLINES SUITABLE FOR CHAIRING THE TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL WORKING GROUPS AS YOU RECOMMEND. AND, ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE, YOU MAY PROVIDE THEM THIS REASSURANCE IF YOU SO CHOOSE.

3. CONSISTENT WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN PARA 6, WE URGE THAT MISSION REPS

TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UK AND FRG TO ADVISE THEM THAT THE US IS WILLING TO CHAIR THE MILITARY, RATHER THAN THE POLITICAL WORKING GROUP, IF THEY FIND THIS ACCEPTABLE.

4. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR PROPOSED OUTLINE AGENDA FOR THE TWO-DAY TECHNOLOGY STUDY MEETING WHICH CAN BE CIRCULATED TO STUDY PARTICIPANTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE AGENDA, AS WELL AS THE REACTION OF THE ALLIES TO ITS CONTENTS:
BEGIN TEXT:

AGENDA
FULL STUDY PANEL OF NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP TECHNOLOGY STUDY

FIRST DAY

TIME	ACTIVITY
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0900-0930	FULL STUDY PANEL CONVENES. INTRODUCTION OF HEADS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS.
----	OPENING REMARKS BY MG MCAULIFFE, CHAIRMAN OF FULL STUDY PANEL, FOLLOWED BY
----	INTRODUCTION OF US BRIEFING TEAM.

(INTER ALIA, MG MCAULIFFE WILL LIKELY COVER THE ORIGIN OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE STUDY AND DISCUSS ITS PURPOSE, SCOPE AND POTENTIAL IMPACT.)

0930-1130 PRESENTATIONS BY US AND OTHER STATES
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----- THAT MAY DESIRE ON NEW AND IMPROVED
----- WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY AND RELATED SYSTEMS.
(US TEAM WOULD PRESENT BRIEFINGS ON NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN IMPACT ON THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE NUCLEAR PORTION OF THE BRIEFING WOULD COVER MUCH OF THE MATERIAL PRESENTED TO THE NPG BY SECDEF AT BERGEN. THE CONVENTIONAL PORTION OF THE BRIEFING IS BEING PREPARED BY DDR AND E AND WILL

COVER PRECISION-GUIDED WEAPONS AND RELATED SYSTEMS
THAT MAY IMPACT ON THE TACTICAL USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.)

1130-1300 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATED TO THE
----- SUBSTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY BRIEFINGS.

(GENERAL DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIP OF NEW TECHNOLOGY
BRIEFING TO THE DESIRED ASSESSMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY'S
POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS.)

1300-1430 RECESS FOR LUNCH

1430-1730 GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SCOPE,
----- METHODOLOGY AND IMPLICATIONS OF NEW
----- TECHNOLOGY STUDY.

(AT THIS TIME EACH PARTICIPATING NATION WILL HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT IDEAS ON HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THE
TASKS SET FORTH IN NPG/D(74)7, APRIL 10, 1974. IT IS
ENVISIONED THAT THERE WILL BE A WIDE RANGING
DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE HOPE THAT,
BY THE END OF THE FIRST FULL DAY, THERE WILL BE AN
INCREASED UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE POTENTIAL
IMPACT OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES, AND A GENERAL CONSENSUS
OF THE SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY AND THE
PRODUCTS AND ORGANIZATION NEEDED TO SATISFY THE
ASSIGNED TASKS.)

SECOND DAY

TIME ACTIVITY

0900-1130 FULL STUDY PANEL RECONVENES CHAIRED BY
----- COL CALLAWAY ACTING FOR MG MCAULIFFE

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FOLLOWING INITIAL DISCUSSION THE PANEL WILL

A) DRAW UP TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STUDY (PERHAPS IN
AD HOC GROUP DRAWN FROM FULL STUDY PANEL) TO INCLUDE:

- 1) SCOPE
- 2) METHODOLOGY
- 3) QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED
- 4) NECESSARY ASSUMPTIONS

B) DETERMINE REQUIREMENTS AND INITIATE REQUESTS,
IF NECESSARY, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION;

C) ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES
TO INCLUDE:

- 1) OVERALL ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
- 2) MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMAN OF ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENTS
- 3) TIMING FOR TASK COMPLETION, INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING OF FULL STUDY PANEL

1130-1300 RECESS FOR LUNCH

1300-1600 FULL PANEL RECESS WHILE ORGANIZATIONAL
----- COMPONENTS OR WORKING GROUPS MEET UNDER
----- WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN.

WORKING GROUPS WILL SEEK TO:

A) DETERMINE KEY ASSUMPTIONS WHICH MUST BE APPLIED
IN THE COURSE OF GROUP EFFORT.

B) DEVELOP QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED DURING COURSE OF
STUDY.

C) DETERMINE SCOPE OF EFFORT AND PRODUCTS DESIRED FROM
STUDY.

D) DETERMINE WORKING GROUP METHODOLOGY AND ORGANIZATION.

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E) DETERMINE ADEQUACY OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION
AND IDENTIFY INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE SOURCES OF
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED.

F) EXAMINE TIMING AND POINTS OF INTERFACE BETWEEN STUDY
GROUPS.

G) DEVELOP WORK PROGRAM (AND FLOW CHART) SHOWING
TIMING AND PRODUCTS, ETC.

1600-1700 FULL STUDY PANEL RECONVENES AND WORKING
----- GROUPS REPORT ON FINDINGS. FULL PANEL
----- DISCUSSES, APPROVES AND/OR MAKES
----- AGREED CHANGES TO WORKING GROUP FINDINGS.

FULL STUDY PANEL ADJOURNS.
END TEXT.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF MISSION HAS ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS
TO ENHANCE THE OUTCOME OF THIS IMPORTANT INITIAL
MEETING.

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